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Note that as a consequence of the dual fibration structures we have that $H^{ev}(X, \mathbf{R}) \cong H^3(\check{X}, \mathbf{R})$ and $H^3(X, \mathbf{R}) \cong H^{ev}(\check{X}, \mathbf{R})$ as expected.

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In general, we denote the total space of the torus fibration constructed from B as $\check{X}(B)$.

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The numerical invariants of X we refer to are $-K_X^3$, $h^{2,1}$, ρ_X and the index of $-K_X$. Note that our choice of codimension 2 submanifold $D := \pi^{-1}(\partial B)$ is completely analogous to the toric situation.

Fano classification

We briefly recall the classification of the 105 classes of Fano threefolds completed by Mori–Mukai, building on work of Fano and Iskovskikh. In particular, we summarise the classification below according to properties relevant later.

Picard rank	Total	Toric	$-K_X$ not very ample
1	17	1	2
2	36	4	3
3	31	7	0
4	13	4	0
5	3	2	0
≥ 6	5	0	2

Check: 105 total, 18 smooth toric, and 98 with very ample $-K_X$.

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$$\begin{array}{ccc} X_P & \rightsquigarrow & \check{X}(B) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ P^\circ & \rightsquigarrow & B \end{array}$$

Idea: start on the top left, and finish on the top right going via the deformation of affine structures.

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Compatibility with Mirror Symmetry

Every B we consider such that $\check{X}(B)$ models a Fano threefold X is constructed by deforming the affine structure on a polytope P° , such that P supports a Laurent polynomial mirror to X .

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Note that for such a manifold $\check{X}(B)$ is easy to define:

$$\check{X}(B) := T^*B/\check{\Lambda}.$$

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This is an affine structure with singularities on \mathbf{R}^2 , with $\Delta = \{0\}$, and monodromy of Λ equal to the monodromy defined on integral homology by a Dehn twist.

Indeed, $\check{X}(B_0)$ is (topologically) exactly the usual local model in Picard–Lefschetz theory.

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Ray data is a set $J := \{J(\rho) : \rho \in \Sigma(1)\}$ of collections of nef divisors on each torus invariant hypersurface X_ρ of X_Σ .

This is our central combinatorial notion. We say the triple (Σ, C, J) forms degeneration data for P if:

- 1 J is *smooth*: all polyhedra of sections are standard simplices.
- 2 C and J are *compatible*: the numbers C assigns to edges neighbouring a vertex v of P° contained in a ray $\rho \in \Sigma(1)$ equal the edge lengths of the sum of the polyhedra in $J(\rho)$.
- 3 C is *smooth and convex*. If P is reflexive this means that C assigns a number to an edge E of P° which is either equal to $\ell(E^*)$, the length of E^* , or to $\ell(E^*) - 1$.

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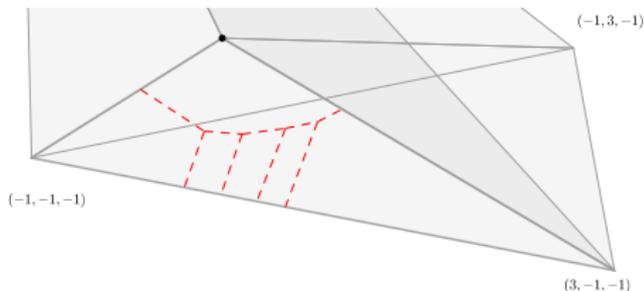
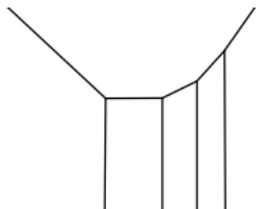
Affine structure

To describe an affine structure we first identify Δ . Note that each $\sigma \in \Sigma(2)$ defines a polyhedral subset c of P° and C defines a divisor on the toric variety $TV(c)$ (we call these pairs (c, D) slabs).

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Each toric variety $TV(c)$ is isomorphic to $\mathbf{P}(1, 1, 4)$ and the divisor described by C is in the class $\mathcal{O}(4)$ (corresponding to the base of the triangle c). Let Γ_c be the dual graph to a triangulation of the polyhedron of sections of $\mathcal{O}(4)$. We embed these graphs into c as shown below. Glue these curves together at points on the rays (positive nodes), trivalent points of each Γ_c become negative nodes.



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We observe that the condition on P is very restrictive. In fact 89 of the 105 Fano threefolds are constructed this way. Note that the previous example is a special case of this construction, and that the slabs are always wps, with divisor class $\mathcal{O}(\ell(E)\ell(E^*))$.

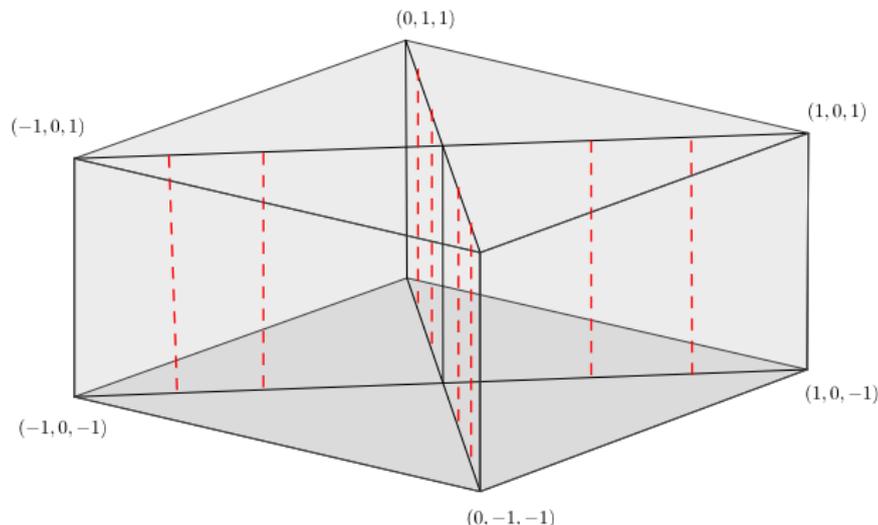
Two dimensional situation

Our constructions directly generalise a two-dimensional one, in which any of the 10 del Pezzo surfaces may be obtained by making *nodal trades* from a polygon. We summarise the two-dimensional affine manifolds important in our construction below.

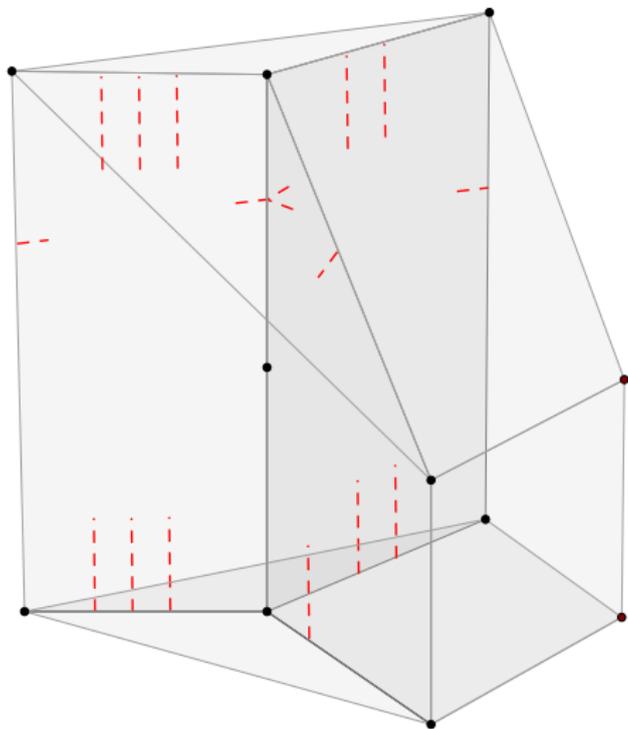
B	$\check{X}(B)$	Affine structure
Polygon	polarised toric variety	B is the image of the moment map
S^2	K3 surface	24 focus-focus singularities
Disc	Del Pezzo surface dP_d	$12 - d$ focus-focus singularities

Product constructions

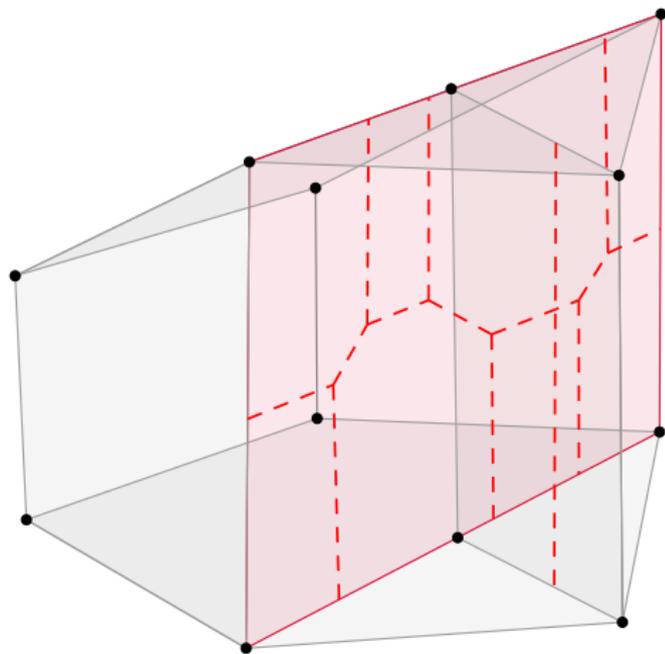
In fact the two-dimensional cases automatically give us 5 examples by taking products of non-toric del Pezzo surfaces with \mathbf{P}^1 . The image below shows the base of a torus fibration on $dP_4 \times \mathbf{P}^1$. We see that the fan on which Δ is supported is *not* the normal fan of P .



Example: MM_{3-5}



Example: MM_{4-2}



Euler numbers

We can easily compute the Euler number of the manifold $\check{X}(B)$ by taking the sum of the Euler numbers of the fibres which do not contain a circle factor.

Special fibre	Euler number
Positive node	1
Negative node	-1
Point in $\Delta \cap \partial B$	1
Vertex of B	1

Formula for Euler number

In the case that B has smooth boundary, and is constructed using our first method, the Euler number obeys the following formula:

$$e(\check{X}(B)) = 24 + T - \sum_{E \in \text{edges}(P)} \ell(E)^2 \ell(E^*),$$

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- 1 Construct a (specific) push-off D' of D so that $C := D' \cap D$ is a surface in D .
- 2 Find the genus of C by taking the image under C and computing the genus of the tropical curve.
- 3 Use Lefschetz theorem on $(1, 1)$ -classes and genus formula to compute $C^2 = 2g(C) - 2$.

Contraction map

We compute the Betti numbers of $\check{X}(B)$ via the contraction map $\xi: \check{X}(B) \rightarrow \check{X}_0(B)$, the union of toric varieties defined by decomposing P° along Σ . We tabulate the possible fibres over points in the interior of B .

codimension of $\pi_0(p)$	$p \in \tilde{\Delta}$	$\xi^{-1}(p)$
0	no	point
1	no	S^1
1	yes	point
2	no	T^2
2	yes	point or S^1
3	no	T^3

A Leray spectral sequence

Our aim is to compute $H^2(\check{X}(B), \mathbf{Q})$. If this is achieved all other Betti numbers will follow from the Euler number formula and simply connectedness of $\check{X}(B)$.

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$$\dim H^0(\check{X}_0(B), R^2\xi_*\mathbf{Q}) = \dim H^0(\check{X}_0(B), i_{2*}i_2^*R^2\xi_*\mathbf{Q}) = 0.$$

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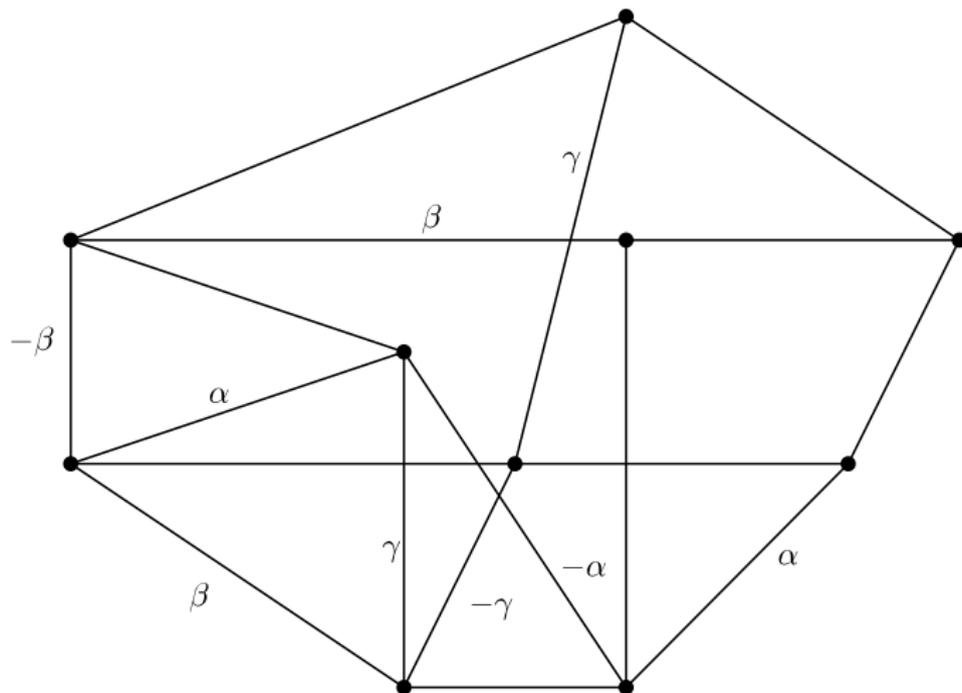
Fix an orientation of every 1-dimensional space $M_{\mathbf{Q}}/\langle\sigma\rangle$ for $\sigma \in \Sigma(2)$. Then $\Gamma(\Sigma, C) \subset \mathbf{Q}^{\Sigma(2)}$ is (almost!) defined to be the subspace of elements $\gamma = (\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n)$ where $n = |\Sigma(2)|$ such that $\sum_{i \in I} \gamma_i = 0$ whenever the elements of $\Sigma(2)$ corresponding to I appear as the support of singular locus near a point of $\Delta \cap \Sigma(1)$.

Computation of $b_2(\check{X}(B))$

In this context

$$b_2(\check{X}(B)) = \dim \Gamma(\Sigma, C) - 2$$

Example computation (V_{22})



Topological Classification

To prove that the rank one Fano varieties are homeomorphic to the manifolds $\check{X}(B)$ we construct we use the classification of 6-manifolds (Wall, Jupp). This says that 1-connected topological manifolds with torsion-free homology which admit a smooth structure are classified by the following invariants:

- 1 $b_3(X)$, the third Betti number,
- 2 $H^2(X, \mathbf{Z})$, the second integral cohomology group,
- 3 $w_2(X) \in H^2(X, \mathbf{Z}_2)$, the second Stiefel–Whitney class,
- 4 F_X , the cubic form on $H^2(X, \mathbf{Z})$,
- 5 $p_1(X) \in H^4(X, \mathbf{Z})$, the first Pontryagin class.

Topological Classification

The Betti numbers have already been computed, for the form on H^2 we have:

Cubic form

The form F_X is determined in the case $b_2(\check{X}(B)) = 1$ by the value of $[\pi^{-1}(\partial B)]^3$ as well as the index of $[\pi^{-1}(\partial B)] \in H^2(\check{X}(B), \mathbf{Z})$.

The characteristic classes are computed in similar ways, using the restriction

Second Stiefel–Whitney class

$w_2(\check{X}(B)) = PD[\pi^{-1}(\partial B)] \pmod{2}$. We compute the cap product with D using the projection formula. Let $\theta: D \hookrightarrow \check{X}(B)$ be the inclusion, then,

$$\theta_* \left(\theta^* w_2(\check{X}(B)) \frown [D] \right) = w_2(\check{X}(B)) \frown \theta_* [D]$$

Computing $w_2(\check{X}(B))$

We can compute

$$\begin{aligned}\theta^* w_2(\check{X}(B)) &= w_2(T\check{X}(B)|_D) \\ &= w_2(TD \oplus \nu(D)) \\ &= w_2(TD) + w_2(\nu(D))\end{aligned}$$

Using the Whitney product formula and naturality. Observing that $w_2(TD) = 0$ and $w_2(\nu(D)) = e(\nu(D)) \pmod 2$ we see that the cap product of $w_2(\check{X}(B))$ with D is exactly the cup of D with itself.

Since $b_2(\check{X}(B)) = 1$ this is sufficient to prove the result, so long as the index of D is odd. In general we can use the same argument with an integral lift of the second Stiefel Whitney class.

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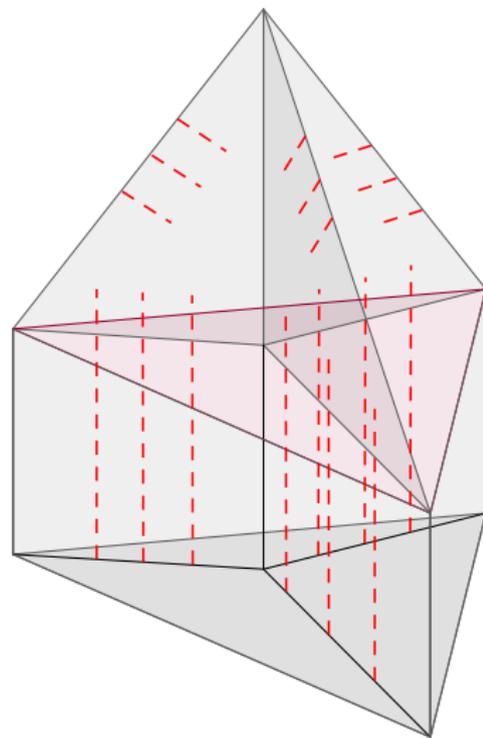
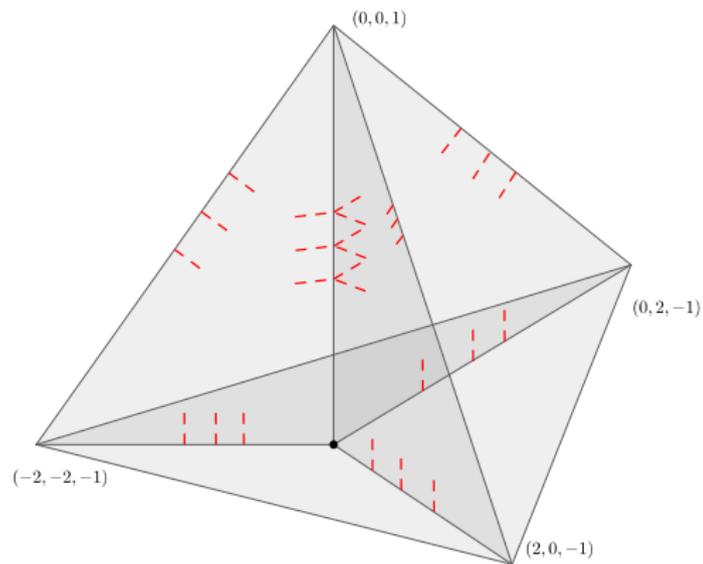
Noting that we can canonically identify $H^2(X, \mathbf{Z})$ and $H^2(\check{X}(B), \mathbf{Z})$ and cubic forms so that $[\pi^{-1}(\partial B)]$ is identified with $c_1(X)$, we use the projection formula

$$p_1(\check{X}(B)) \frown \theta_*[D] = \theta_* \left(\theta^*(p_1(\check{X}(B))) \frown [D] \right),$$

and we have that $\theta^*p_1(\check{X}(B)) = p_1(D) + p_1(\nu(D))$. However, D is diffeomorphic to a K3 surface so,

$p_1(D) = -2c_2(D) + c_1(D)^2 = -2c_2(D) = -48$. Moreover $p_1(\nu(D))$ is the Euler class of $\nu(D) \oplus \nu(D)$, which is precisely $[D]^3$.

Example: B_3 and its blow-up



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Mirror Symmetry

Tropical superpotential calculation in some of these examples. Relate SYZ mirror symmetry and Minkowski polynomials of Coates–Corti–Galkin–Golyshev–Kasprzyk.

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